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E.O. 12065: RDS-4 3/8/99 (CHAPLIN, MAXWELL) OR-M
TAGS: SHUM AR
SUBJ: (U) ARGENTINE PRISON CONDITIONS

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Date 4/25/01 Declassify on 4/25/11 Reason 25X1

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. EMBOFFS HAD RECENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A "VALEDICTORY LUNCH" WITH [REDACTED]

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WE ASKED HIM FOR A "BOTTOM LINE" ON PRISON CONDITION CHANGES HE HAS SEEN HERE.

3. [REDACTED] RESPONSE WAS THAT CLEARLY THE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED. ASKED TO NAME AREAS IN WHICH THERE HAD BEEN REGRESSION HE SAID THAT THERE WERE NONE. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THE IMPENDING VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS LENT IMPETUS TO THIS IMPROVEMENT, BUT THAT IMPROVEMENTS WERE NEVERTHELESS "BOUND TO HAPPEN" AS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOCUSED ITS ATTENTION ON THE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS.

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4. CAUSE OF MOST REMAINING PROBLEMS, [REDACTED] IS THE FACT THAT NO [REDACTED]
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SINGLE PRISONER TREATMENT CODE EXISTS. CONDITIONS VERY WIDELY FROM PLACE TO PLACE, AND

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EVEN FROM "SHIFT TO SHIFT" AND "GUARD TO GUARD."
GUIDELINES ARE IN PREPARATION -- A JOINT PROJECT
OF THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND JUSTICE -- BUT
[REDACTED] THEY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED
BEFORE MID-APRIL.

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5. IT SEEMS ON BASIS OF THIS AND OTHER EARLIER
EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE ON SHAKY GROUND ADOPTING AS
A PREMISE TO USE IN DEALING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS
THAT "PRISON TREATMENT OF LONG-TERM DETAINEES
APPEARS TO HAVE DETERIORATED" (STATE 43618, OUTLINING
OUR POSITION REGARDING AN INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK LOAN).
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